



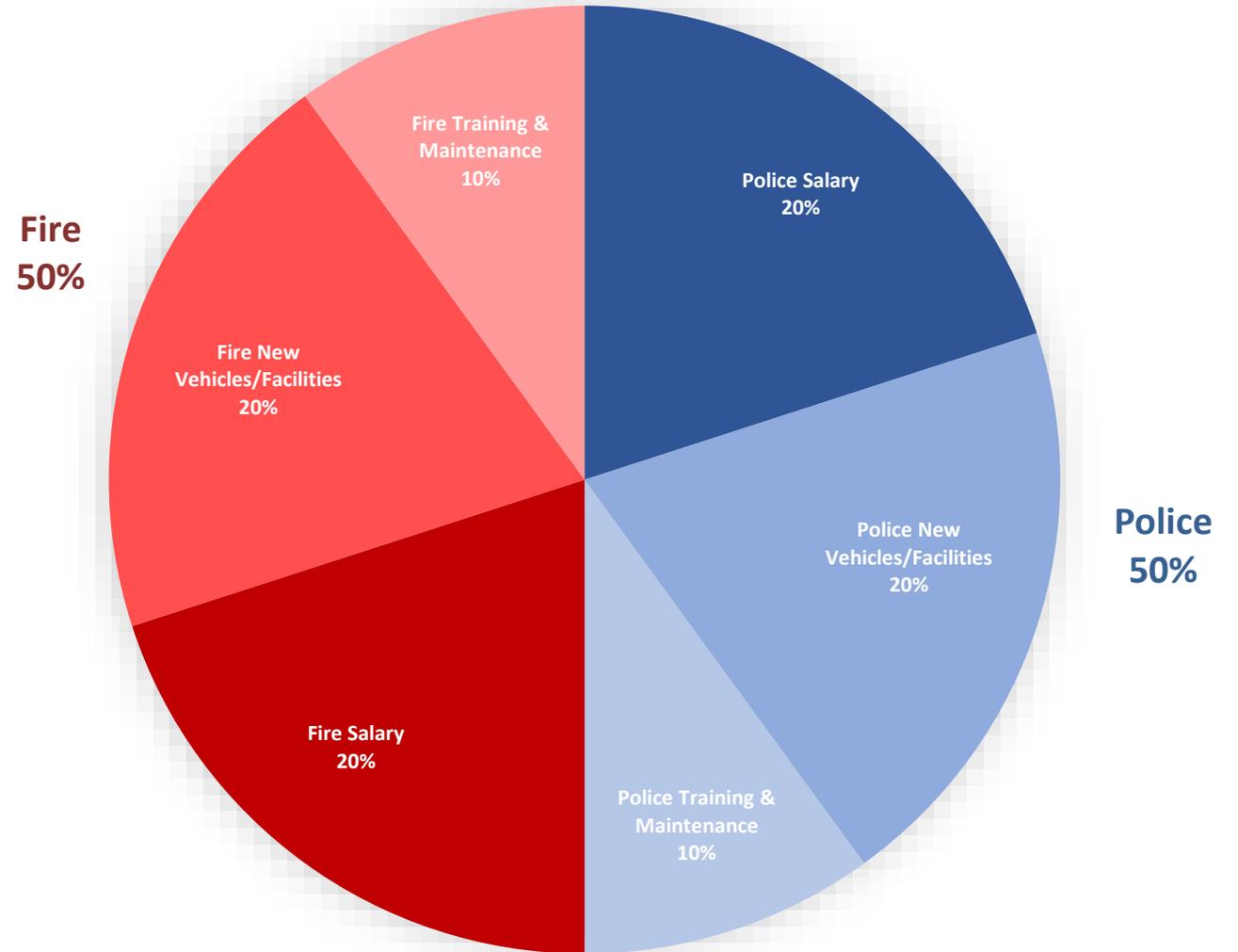
# Hammond Fire/Police Millage Renewal

ELECTION IS AUGUST 15, 2020

# Millage Breakdown

**NOT a new tax.**  
– 10 mills for 10 years –  
what you've been paying  
with the same breakdown  
  
**renewal only**

Estimated at \$2.2 million per year.



# Police = 50% of millage collected

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**20% SALARIES**



**20% ACQUISITION OF  
VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT  
& FACILITIES**



**10% TRAINING &  
MAINTENANCE**



# What is supported by the police millage?

- Police protection throughout Hammond. Approximately 30,690 calls for service annually.
- Average response time of 2-5 minutes.
- Decrease in almost every crime area in 2019. Closing major cases with arrests.
- Community policing = neighborhood meetings and outreach to schools.
- Specialized divisions including detectives, traffic, K-9, street crimes, narcotics, and juvenile.
- Special response team with training in active-shooter situations and SWAT vehicle.
- Members of interagency task force groups (DEA, Homeland Security, ATF).



# Accomplished with the police millage

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- Current police station in downtown Hammond
- Additions to the police training facility and improvements to the city jail facility
- All police vehicles (95 units, 3 motorcycles, 2 jail vans; also maintain litter truck, mobile command center, DWI truck/trailer)
- SWAT / Bearcat vehicle
- Officer-worn body cameras
- K-9s (grant match)
- Tasers



# What is lost without the police millage?

**\$435k in salaries = 9 police officers (starting pay is \$29,331 + benefits)**

- Currently the number of officers per patrol shift is 11.  
2-3 officers per patrol shift would be lost.



**\$435k in new vehicles, equipment, facilities**

- New police vehicle costs \$44,000.  
(we buy 9-10 per year)
- Equipment for one police officer is \$5835.  
[Uniform \$560, Belt/tools \$300, Body Camera \$800,  
Radio \$1600, Gun \$675, Taser \$1270, Bulletproof vest \$630]

**\$218k in training/maintenance**

- Last year, entire department completed 13,810 training hours (not including special classes).
- New officers complete 830+ hours before they are ready to go.



# What is planned if the millage renewal passes?

- New police vehicles
- License plate reader systems
- Neighborhood crime cameras (parks, downtown)
- Training house for active shooter (school-based scenarios)
- New training facility and indoor shooting range for qualifications
- Updated computer-aided-dispatch system
- Stand-alone server environment for the Police Department



# Fire = 50% of millage collected

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**20% SALARIES**



**20% ACQUISITION OF  
FIREFIGHTING VEHICLES,  
EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES**



**10% TRAINING &  
MAINTENANCE;  
ACQUISITION OF PROTECTIVE  
CLOTHING & TOOLS**

# What is supported by the fire millage?

- Fire protection throughout Hammond area (5 stations, 5 engines, 1 heavy rescue, 1 ladder, 2 airport trucks, 1 hazmat truck, 1 medical vehicle).
- 5,100+ calls last year. More than 60% were medical/vehicle accidents.
- Average response time of 3-5 minutes within city limits.
- Class 2 PIAL rating (scale of 1-10 with 1 as best).
- Conduct fire investigations, educate public on fire safety, and inspect commercial buildings for life safety codes.
- Educate public on proper car seat installation and vehicle safety with children.
- Hazardous Materials Response, High Angle/Confined Space Rescue, Swift Water/Flood Rescue, and USAR response.
- Participate in Louisiana Task Force 2 and 9 which are regional USAR Teams that respond to disasters in and out of the state.



# Accomplished with the fire millage

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- Fire Administration Building on Railroad Ave
- Fire Engines, Ladder Truck, Airport Fire Fighting Rescue Truck -- all vehicles
- All protective equipment including helmets, coats, pants, gloves, boots and SCBA's
- Lucas Device that performs mechanical chest compressions for CPR
- Extrication and life-saving equipment including the Jaws of Life





# Current Trucks

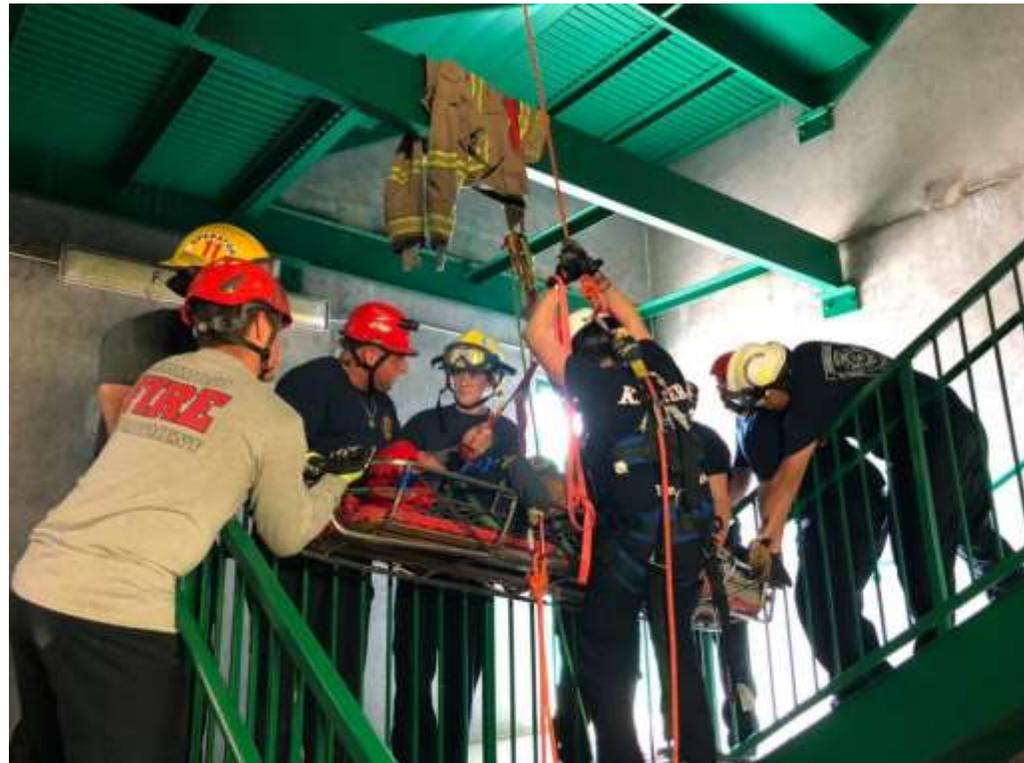


# What is lost without the fire millage?

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## **\$435k in salaries = 10 firefighters (starting pay is \$26,413 + benefits)**

- We staff a minimum of 15 firefighters per 24 hour shift.
- Our first-alarm structure fire response is 4 trucks with 10 firefighters.
- Losing 10 firefighters would reduce our staffing to 12 people per shift.



## **\$435k in new trucks, life-saving equipment, functional stations**

- 1 fire engine costs \$500k. Takes 2 years to save enough to buy 1 engine.
- One firefighter with full protective equipment including a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus is \$11,050.

[Helmet \$250, Coat \$1,250, Pants \$1,000, Boots \$300, Gloves \$80, Hood \$100, Flashlight \$70, Portable Radio \$3,000, SCBA \$5,000]

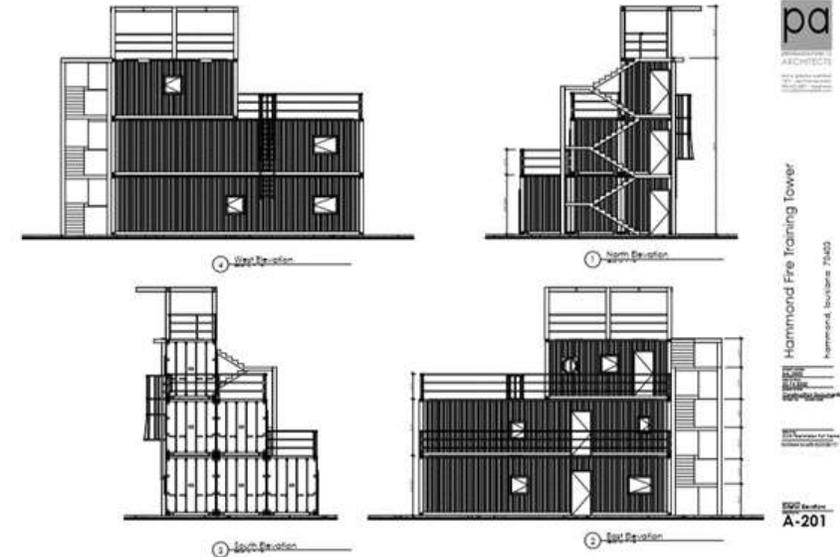
## **\$218k in training/maintenance**

- Training is critical to firefighters doing their very best. Citizens rely on us to show up and handle whatever problem they have called for.
- Firefighters are required to get over 240 hours of firefighter training every year.

# What is planned if the millage renewal passes?

## New fire training facility

- With the last PIAL inspection, a deficiency was identified in training. The old facility is no longer sufficient and a new facility is needed.
- Master plan is to have a 3-story Training Tower, a Live Burn Building, a Trench Rescue Prop, Search Maze and Mobile Props for training at the airport.



## New ladder truck

- The City is going “up”. Many new multi-story buildings have been constructed and more are coming.
- Currently, we have a 20-year-old, 109 foot ladder truck. Most departments limit front-line service to 10-15 years.
- New ladder truck = \$1 million.
- New ladder would be in addition to the one we have, and prolong the lifespan of our current truck.

# Election Day is August 15

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Early voting is July 25 – August 8

Ballot Language:

Shall the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana (the “City”), continue to levy a special tax of **ten (10) mills on all the property** subject to taxation in the City (an estimated \$2,208,210 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for **a period of ten (10) years**, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, for the **purpose of acquiring, operating and maintaining police and fire protection services, facilities and equipment and paying Police and Fire Department salaries**, with the proceeds of the tax to be allocated as follows:

(i) (Fire Protection) 10% for education, training, maintenance of equipment, stations, vehicles and communication equipment and acquisition and maintenance of uniforms, protective clothing and tools; (ii) (Fire Protection) 20% for acquisition of fire fighting vehicles, equipment and facilities; (iii) (Police) 10% for education, training and maintenance of equipment, vehicles, stations and communication equipment; (iv) (Police) 20% for acquisition of vehicles, equipment and facilities; and (v) 40% for paying Police and Fire Department salaries?